a weight loss basis unless a passenger has declared a higher value and has paid the applicable valuation charge in advance. This is in accordance with the Warsa Convention (1.29) as amended by the Hague Protocol (1955).

Improvement of Air India's Image

*38. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been invited to the news item captioned "Ticket to ride: Air India Style" appearing in 'The Times of India', New Delhi of the 17th April, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve not only the country's but Air India's image too particularly during the current 'Visit India' Year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Flight AI-308 of January 5, 1991 was over booked and resulted in offloading of 39 passengers. Since flights of other carriers on the route were heavily booked, alternative arrangements could not be made immediately and the group sponsored by Toppan Travel Service travelled by AI-302 on the 8th January, 1991. The passengers of this group were lodged in the hotel of their choice and all efforts were made to put them on the earliest available flight.

(c) The Government is making efforts to ensure that Air India gives foremost priority to customer satisfaction and thereby rebuild its image as an efficient airline that cares for its passengers.

Increase in the prices of Coal

*39. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to increase the prices of coal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and also the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The last revision of prices of coal produced by Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) based on the indices of June, 1988 and January 1989 were made effective from 1-1-89 and 24-1-1989 respectively.

Since then there has been substantial increase in the cost of production due to increase in the cost of inputs like wages on account of NCWA-IV, V.D.A., explosive, POL and rate of interest etc. Therefore, CIL & SCCL have submitted proposals to increase the price of coal produced by them. No decision has been taken by the Government so far.

Separate Power Grid for Mayur Vihar, Delhi

*40. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction work for a separrate 66 K.V. electricity grid for cluster of group housing societies in Mayur Vihar Phase One extension, Delhi has been completed by DESU;